



Memorandum

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To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members

From: Wendy Halverson Martin
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Subject: Policy for Organizations Represented on Roundtable as Applicants/Participants in Proposals

During the development of the Ecosystem Roundtable, policy discussions were held regarding both legal and perceived conflict of interest for individuals and organizations represented on the Ecosystem Roundtable. The minutes for the May 9, 1997 meeting of the Ecosystem Roundtable indicate that the Roundtable members reached a general agreement "that member organizations not apply for Category III funds in part due to the perceived conflict of interest." (See minutes of May 7, 1997, Ecosystem Roundtable meeting, page 7, attached hereto.) The intent of the agreement appears to be to protect against perceptions of "insider baseball" in the PSP process. In other words, Ecosystem Roundtable members appear to have been sensitive to the perception that Roundtable represented organizations would be making decisions about funding proposals that they have submitted.

CALFED requests the Ecosystem Roundtable's input on whether it wishes in the future to limit Roundtable-represented organizations from:

- (A) competing for funds in a future PSP as an applicant;
- (B) participating/collaborating in a proposal submitted by a non-Roundtable applicant in a future PSP;
- (C) otherwise endorsing a proposal submitted by a non-Roundtable applicant in a future PSP.

We also request the Ecosystem Roundtable's input relative to interim and long-term governance as to whether CALFED should consider some other structure for stakeholder input in the project selection process to avoid the issue of perceived bias in the future.

CALFED Agencies

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 Department of Fish and Game
 Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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 Fish and Wildlife Service
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